

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated June 17, 2008 asserts that response filed on February 22, 2008 (hereinafter "Response 2") does not include a proper status identifier for the claims. As pointed out during a telephonic interview conducted on July 7, 2008, Response 2 included amended specification and substitute specification, none of which included a copy of the amended claims submitted along with the response filed on January 17, 2008 (hereinafter "Response 1"). That is, the claims submitted in Response 2 were the originally filed claims and were attached to the marked-up specification and the substitute specification. As such, they did not require a status identifier, and they were not intended to and did not replace the copy of amended claims submitted with Response 1.

Nevertheless and to eliminate all doubts, Applicants respectfully submit another copy of the amended claims that were filed with Response 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the amendment is now in compliance.

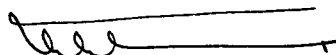
If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below. To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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